

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to a final rejection dated October 19, 2006. The application was filed with original claims 1-4. Applicant canceled claims 1-4 in a previous response and added claims 5-12.

The Examiner rejected Claims 9-10 and 12 under 35 USC 112 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph and claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by James (1943119). The Examiner has indicated that claims 5-8 are allowable and that allowance of claim 12 is held in abeyance until claim 12 has been rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

Applicants have amended claim 9 to include the further limitations of claim 12 and to correct the lack of antecedent basis. Claim 10 has been amended to correct for lack of antecedent basis and claim 12 has been canceled. Claims 5-11 remain pending.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner feel a phone interview would be helpful in processing the subject application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned.

Please charge any fee for this statement to Deposit Account No. 15-0750, Order No. OT-5029.

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